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INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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TAGS: ELAB, VE

SUBJ: FIGUEROA UNHAPPY IN STOCKHOLM

REF: CARACAS 4675

1. LUIS FIGUEROA OF THE CHILEAN LABOR CENTRAL IN EXILE ATTENDED THE VII CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV). CTV PRESIDENT VARGAS CLAIMED THAT FIGUEROA WAS NOT OFFICIALLY INVITED BUT HE WAS ACCORDED OFFICIAL FRATERNAL OBSERVER STATUS DURING THE CONGRESS. IN A SHORT CONVERSATION WITH THE LABOR ATTACHE FIGUEROA INQUIRED ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING THE U.S. THE LABATT EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY ARE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM THE U.S. BY THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION ACT BUT THAT WAIVERS WERE SOMETIMES GRANTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE USG. LABATT SUGGESTED THAT A MORE APPROPRIATE SOURCE OF ACCURATE INFORMATION WAS THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM. FIGUEROA DID NOT SEEM AT ALL PLEASED WITH HIS LIFE IN SWEDEN. AT ONE POINT DURING THE CONGRESS HE ENGAGED THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR IN A LENGTHY PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER OBSERVING IN A WORRIED TONE "I HOPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE DOESN'T DEPORT ME...".

2. THE LABOR ATTACHE GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT FIGUEROA IS ACTIVELY SEARCHING FOR A BASE OF OPERATIONS OTHER THAN STOCKHOLM, PREFERABLY IN LATIN AMERICA, AND THAT HE WAS EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTLING IN VENEZUELA.

3. FIGUEROA DID MARCH IN THE HUGE MAY DAY PARADE IN CARACAS WITH A SMALL GROUP OF CHILEAN SUPPORTERS. HIS WAS THE LAST UNIT IN THE UNITY PARADE DIRECTLY BEHIND THE GROUP REPRESENTING THE SMALL VENEZUELAN COMMUNIST LABOR CONFEDERATION (CTV). IT HAS NOT BEEN ASCERTAINED IF THE CHILEANS HAD CTV PERMISSION TO MARCH.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN THAT THE CTV OR THE GOV WOULD WELCOME FIGUEROA AS A PERMAMENT RESIDENT IN CARACAS. WHAT WAS CLEAR IS THAT FIGUEROA ACTIVELY IS SOLICITING AN INVITATION TO SETTLE HERE.
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